

# Prognostication,

For this Year of Man's Redemption, 1685.

*Being the first after Bessextile, or, Leap Year.*

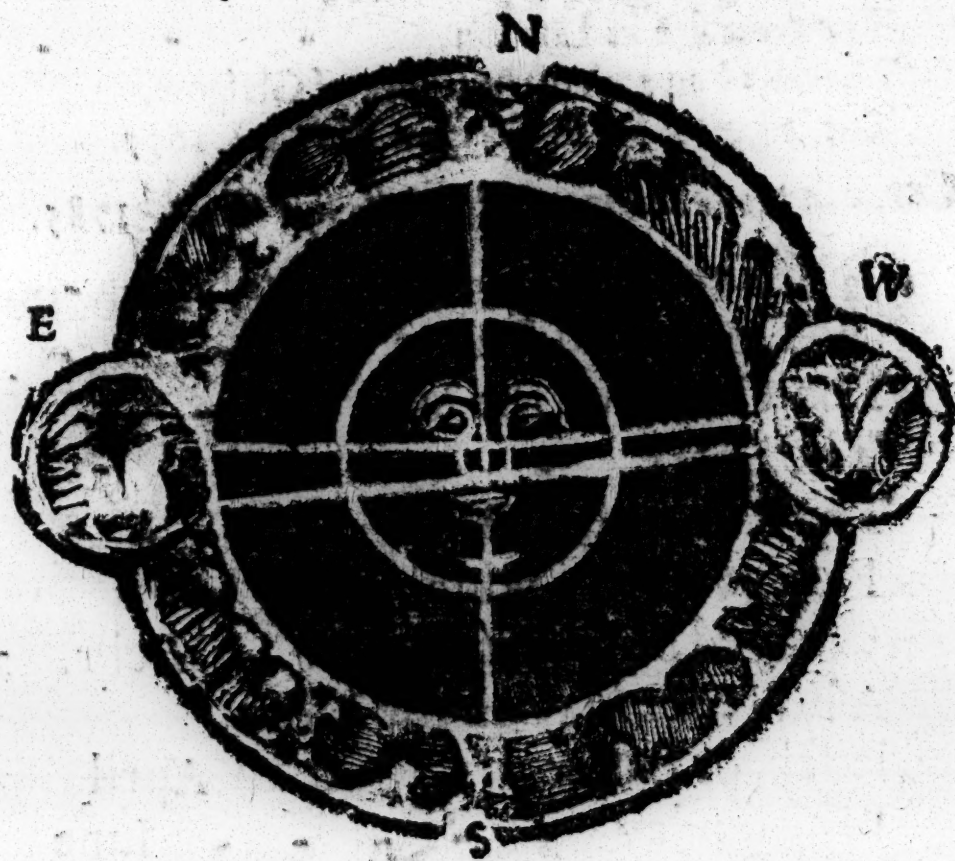
Containing the moveable Feasts: the Eclipses: the four Quarters of the year: the Changes of the Moon, with the disposition of the weather. And the whole known Fairs of Scotland. With several other things worthie of the noticing.

*Serving most fitly for the most part of the Kingdom of Scotland, but more especially for our City of GLASGOW, where the Pole is elevated 55. deg. 55. min.*

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By a painful Astronomer, and well-wisher of his Country.

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GLASGOW,  
Printed, By ROBERT SANDERS. 1685.

*A Computation of time, even to this Year 1685.*

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|-------|---|-------|------|
|       | The Creation of the World                           | - - - | 5634 |
|       | The general Deluge                                  | - - - | 3978 |
|       | Fergus the first King of Scotland                   | - - - | 2014 |
|       | The building of Solomons Temple                     | - - - | 2702 |
|       | Rome was built by Romulus                           | - - - | 2437 |
|       | The Scots entred Albion                             | - - - | 2103 |
|       | The building of Edinburgh Castle                    | - - - | 2015 |
|       | The last destruction of Jerusalem by Vespasian      | - - - | 1616 |
|       | The Christian Faith was received in Scotland        | - - - | 1475 |
|       | The building of the high Church of Glasgow          | - - - | 487  |
| Since | The first invention of Guns                         | - - - | 305  |
|       | The inventiō of Printing in Europe, before in China | - - - | 245  |
|       | The Colledge of Glasgow was built                   | - - - | 230  |
|       | The appearing of the new star: Cassiopeia           | - - - | 112  |
|       | The Gun-powder Treason, November 5.                 | - - - | 80   |
|       | The birth of King CHARLES the second                | - - - | 55   |
|       | The Duke Hamiltons engagement                       | - - - | 37   |
|       | The great fire in Glasgow                           | - - - | 33   |
|       | The last great Plague in London                     | - - - | 19   |
|       | The great fire in London                            | - - - | 18   |
|       | The fall of an arch of the bridge of Glasgow,       | - - - | 14   |
|       | The last great fire in Glasgow Nov. 2. 1677.        | - - - | 8    |

*Common Notes and moveable Feasts this Year, 1785.*

|   |   |             |     |
|---|---|-------------|-----|
| P | Prime, or Golden Number                                   | - - -       | 14. |
|   | Dominical Letter  | - - -       | D.  |
|   | The Circle of the Sun.                                    | - - -       | 14. |
|   | The Epact   | - - -       | 4.  |
|   | The Roman indiction.                                      | - - -       | 7.  |
|   | Fastens-even, which in England is<br>called Shrove-tuesd. | - - Febr.   | 24. |
|   | Ash Wedensday on the Morn.                                | - - -       | -   |
|   | Pasch, or Easter  | - - - April | 19. |
|   | Whitsunday  | - - - June  | 7.  |
|   | Trinity Sunday.   | - - - June  | 14. |

*Between Candlemas and Fastens-even, are 21. days inclusive.*



There will be three Eclipses in this Year 1685.

Viz. one of the Sun and two, of the Moon.

**T**He first will be of the Moon on June the 6. day, 14. minutes past 6. a Clock at night. It will not be visible to us because the Moon is below the eastern part of the Horizon.

The Second is of the Sun on June the 21. day 13. min. past 8. a Clock at night it is not visible to us, besides it will be but a small Eclipse.

The Third is an Eclipse of the Moon on November the 30. day, 7 minutes past 11 a Clock at night it is a visible, and totall, and centrall Eclipses, worthy observation.

### A Description of the four Quarters of this Year 1685.

**T**He Spring quarter begins on March, the 10. day at four a Clock in the morning which is the Suns entrance into Aries being on Tuesday.

The Summer Quarter begins on Thursday being the 11. of June.

The Harvest Quarter begins on September the 13. being Sunday.

The winter Quarter begins on December the 11. being Fryday.

### The four Termly Quarters of this Year 1685.

**T**He first Termly Quarter, begins on Munday and is called Candlemas-day. being the second of February.

Second Quarter begins on May 1. being Fryday.

Third Quarter begins on August 1. called Lambas-day, being Saturday.

The fourth and last Termly Quarter begins on November 1. which is called Hallow-day, being Sunday.

### The changes of the Moon, with the disposition of the Weather, for this year 1685.

**xxi.** January begins on Thursday.

The Sun riseth 25. min. after 8. and sets 35. min. after 3.

First Quar. on Fryday, the 2. day 8. min. past 2. in the afternoon.

Full Moon on Saturday the 10. day: 57. m. past 3. in the afternoon.

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Last

Last Quar. on Saturday the 17. day ; 6. m. past 7. at night.  
Change on Saturday the 24. day, 5. min. past 4. in the afternoon.  
First Quar. on Saturday the 31. day at 12. at noon.

This year begins with cold raw frosty weather to the 10. day, than to the 17. day, cold winds with some rain, to the end of the moneth Cold frostie weather.

If thou be sick, and health wouldst have,  
The counsel of the Learned crave.

The first Fair in the year is S. Naughlang at the Kirk of Bethelny, in Gerry, upon the 7. day. S. Mungo in Glasgowe the 13. day a fair: and at Dunkel and Kilwinning the 12. day.

**xxviii.** February begins on Sunday.

The Sun riseth 26. min. after 7. and sets 34. min. after 4.  
Full Moon on Munday the 9. day. 54. m. past 5. in the Morning.  
Last Quar. on Munday the 16. day 8. min. past 4. in the morning.  
Change on Munday the 23. day 58. min. past 5. in the morning.

The first 6. dayes cold weather, thence to the 11. somewhat temperat, untill the 16. then to the 23. brave weather for Ducks and Geese: from the 23. to the 26. misty and Dark, & all the rest of the moneth moze windy.

The first day at Abernethy and Forres in Murrayland, called S. Brides day. On Candlemass day in Bamff, Dunkel Dingwal, Doroglas, the 2. day. Valentins day in Linlithgowe the 14. day, and Forfar the 15. holding eight days. Ashwednesday fair begins on Fasten-even, at Lanerk the same day, Vally-field the 24. day.

Be choice of food in any wise,  
To keep thee warm also precise:

**xxxi.** March begins on Sunday.

The Sun riseth 27. min. after 6. and sets 33. min. after 5.  
First Quar. on Tuesday the 3. day 7. min. past 8. in the morning.

Full



Full Moon on Tuesday the 10. day 54. m. past 6. in the afternoon.  
Last Quar. on Tuesday the 17. day, 3. mi. past 10. in the forenoon.  
Change on Tuesday the 24. day, 57. min. past 8. at night.

This moneth begins with heigh turbulent winds to the 4. day from the 6. to the 11. some cold hail shows thence to the 17, a misty raw frost: the 18. 19. 20. and 21. drying warm winds, and all the rest of the month warm seasonable weather.

Now bleed and bathe, if thou desire,  
And purge also, if need require.

*S. Monence in Aberdene. Dumfermling, Abercherder and S. Marnock Kirk the first day, at Pettenween the 3. S. Duthoy in Tane of Ross the 9. in Auchertuel and Innerness the 10. S. Gausnan the 12. day: S. Patrick in Dumbarton, and at the Kirk of Strageeth and at Kirkadie a fair of horse, neat & sheep, &c. the 16. day; in S. Johnston the 19. Cuthbert in Langton of the Mers the 20. day: Lady-day in Westweems, Bamff, Aultermuchti the 25. Midlentron fair at Banchrie, on thursda- before Midlentron sunday; Palm Sunday at the Kirk of Forrige and in S. Johnston; and Skierthursday fair upon thursday be- fore Good-friday at Cowper of Angus, otherwise Monks Cow- per a fair in Forres, called S. Marks fair, the first tuesday after Easter yearly.*

**Err.** April begins on Wednesday.

The Sun riseth 7. min. past 5. and sets 53. min. past 6.

First Quar. on Thursday the 2. day, 8. min. past 2. in the morning.  
Full Moon on Thursday the 9. day 58. min. past 3. in the morning.  
Last Quarter on Wednesday the 15. day, 6. m. past 7. at night.  
Change on Thursday the 23. day, at 1. in the afternoon.

This month begins with wind and rain the first 3. days thence to the 11. fair, the 12. 13. 17. 18. and 22. dreathy winds, from the 22. to the 25. right pleasant weather for the Season, thence to the 29. some smal rain; the rest of the moneth growing warm weather

Now wholesom baths thou mayst frequent,  
Let blood also, and not repent:

S. Oles

**S. Oles fair at the Kirk of Cruden the first tuesday at Leslie on tuesday before Easter; in Corstorphine the first tuesday after Easter a fair. A new fair in Kirkintilloch the 15. of Horse neat, and sheep, and several other Commodities, S. Donald fair at the Kirk of Auchterless the 17. in Old Aberdene on Skirethursday. S. Mark Evangelist in Dysert the 23. Beltanday the first the 26. a fair at Rugland the 28. continuing four days: at Leven the 29. day, and in Kilrenn the 30. day, at Borrowstounness the first Tuesday after Pasch.**

Whiles in March, and whiles in April.

**Skirethursday before Pasch in Old Aberdene, Glasgow, Dumbartan, Cowper of Angus, Elgin of Murray. Paschmunday in Cowper of Fife, Lanerk and Irwing. Low-sunday after Pasch in Killimure, and all the week after at the Senze of S. Andrews.**

**Lxxj. May begins on Fryday.**

**The Sun riseth 4 min. after 4 and sets 56. min. past 7.**

**First Quar. on Fryday the 1. day, 10 min. past 4. afternoon.**

**Full Moon on Fryday the 8. day, 55. min. past 9 in the morning.**

**Last Quar. on Fryday the 15. day, 7. min. past 4. in the afternoon.**

**Change on Saturday the 23. day, past 6 in the morning.**

**First Quarter on Sunday, the 31. day, 12. m. past 3. in the morning.**

**The first 10. days warm Seasonable weather, from thence to the 14. some warm rains, to the 19. hot and dry, the 20. 21. 22. dark and cloudy, and all the rest of the moneth hot and pleasant weather for the spring.**

**Rise early now this month of May,**

**And walk the fields that be so gay:**

**The first day, called S. Philip a fair in the Grange within the Sheriffdom of Linlithgow. Also a fair at New Church of Kilpatrick free of custome for seven years. Holy Cross day the second Beltan in Monroff, Kinrocher: Rude fair in Ellen, and in Peebles the 3. at Ranfrew of horse, neat, sheep, custom free for 3. years a fair of horse neat and sheep and other merchand ware at the Clacken in nether Lorn the 2. wensday in may the 9. day**



day: at Carlouk the tenth at Bamff, and at Kirkadie a fair of  
neat and sheep, &c. the 16. day; in Leslie on thursday before  
Whitsunday: Sterling fair ten days before Whitsunday: in  
Stonehive upon tuesday before Whitsunday, with a weekly mere-  
cat every thursday

Whiles in May, and whiles in June.

Whitsunmunday in Glasgow, Dumbarton, Lanerk and Jed-  
burgh. Whitsuntuesday, called Pardunday, in the Chanrie of  
Ross, Peterhead, and at the Kirk of Ninians above Kirkadie, and  
Barrowstownness. Trinity munday in Edinburgh and Brichin  
eight days; in S. Andrews one day, in Burntiland one day. A  
fair in the Burgh of Linlithgow the first thursday after Whitsun-  
day. Trinity tuesday in Rugland lasting two dayes Trinity  
thursday in Falkland.

Err. June begins on Munday.

sun. riseth 22. min. past 3. sets 38. min. after 8.

Full Moon on Saturday the 6. day, 58. m. past 5. in the afternoon;

Last Quar. on Saturday the 13. day 8. m. past 4. in the afternoon.

Change on Sunday the 21. day, 8. a Clock at night.

First Quar. on Munday the 29. day 5. m. past 10. in the forenoon.

Dry, and hot to the 5. day thence to the 14. some  
gentle winds, from the 14. to the 18. some thunder and  
hot rain, pleasant fair weather, to the end of this moneth.

Drink new or sweet, taste not at all,

For thereby grows no danger small:

A fair in Kinross the first tuesday of June. Bernard fair the  
second tuesday; in Stramiglo, Aberdour and Enmerkeithing the  
6. A weekly mercat in Forfar, beginning the 8. of June, of neat  
sheep horse, &c. continuing till the first of Octob. A fair in For-  
gondy the 10. S. Barnabie in Lawder and Dysert, Dowglas,  
S. Laurence in Grinock the 11. day. S. Margaret in Aber-  
netby: Ceres in Fife the 13. Midsummer on S. Johns day in S.  
Jabaston five dayes, in Air four dayes; in Wigton Bamff, and  
Arhelston the 14. In Scone 3. days with an weekly market

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and in Auchtermueil and Clackmannan and Bocklyvie in the Parish of Kippen the 15. Saint Margaret in Dumfermling, and at Moffat the 18. day in which place there is a weekly mercat every friday, Earlston the 9. Merchil the 22. day. In Kirkintilloch of Horse sheep and other Commodities, on the 24. Midsummer day in Hawick in the South, hard by the river of Teviot, for Horse, sheep, oxen, and neat, &c. On the 14. day, together with a weekly mercat day always upon the Thursday. Also in Forres, Townyetam on the border the 24. day, of Horse, Neat and sheep, &c. The 24. with a weekly mercat. In Alathy in Angus, called S. Emagola the 25. S. Peters day at Forfar the 26. holding four days. Also in Falkland, Burntiland, Banff, and Kelfo the 26. Gallashiels the 27. In Peebles the 29. S. Seriffair the last tuesday of this moneth. S. John Baptist day a fair in Frazerburgh the 24. day. There is also a fair called S. Margratts fair on the third tuesday of this moneth upon the Mains of Keith-hall sometimes called Caskiben, continuing the whole week, and to be custom free for two years.

**xxi. July begins on Wednesday.**

The sun riseth 32. min. past 3. and sets 28. min. past 8.

Full Moon on Sunday the 5. day, at 8. min past 6. in the afternoon.

Last Quar. on Monday the 13. day, 56. m. past 8. in the morning.

Change on Tuesday the 21. day, at 10. hours in the forenoon.

First Quar. on Tuesday the 28. day, 9. min. past 4. in the afternoon.

From the first to the 14. Hot and Dry, thence to the 16. rain with some winds, to the 18. cloudy moist weather like to be thunder, the rest of the moneth exceeding Hot & Dry.

Ane yearly faire At Edgerstoun in Tivordale, and in Culross the first day, of July. Abernethy and Auchtermuchty the 2 day. Matthews day in Ross Hartlie the first Tuesday of July, holding three dayes, with an new Built Herbor for shipping. In Kirkintilloch of Horses & sheep, and several Commodities the 3. S. Martin of Bulzeon 4 day. Peter fair in Peter head, the first Tuesday in Dundie a new fair. S. Thomas Langnewtoun, mid way betwixt Jedburgh and melross the 5. day. S. Palladius in Foden of the Merns the 6. S. Andrew in Glasgow the 7. S. Lawrenc



Lawrence at Grinock the 11 day. Kilwinning the 12 day. S. Margaret in Faendraght, and Aiky fair in Old Deer, both on the 2. Tuesday. A fair at Borrowstounness the second Wednesday. S. Margaret in Killimure the 13. six days at the Kirk of Forrig, in Tarves the 3. Tuesday, in Moffat and Kirkadie a fair of horse, neat, and sheep the 18. Stirling the 20. Mary Magdalen in Linlithgow, Peterhead at Path head the 22. In Airth the 24. S. James in Forfar, Comper of Fife. Lanerk Roxburgh, Kinghorn, Elgin in Murray, and in Musselburgh the 25. Pollinar fair in Inverary; and Lambas fair in Turreff, both on the last Tuesday. The last Thursday of July a fair in Lesly, and at Whitehorn two days. S. Christina in Corstorphin a fair the 24. day.

Perfume thy house with savors sweet,

But such as are for purpose meet.

**XXI. August begins on Saturday.**

Sun riseth 26. min. past 4. and sets 34. min. past 7.

Full Moon on Tuesday the 4. day 4. min. past 10. in the forenoon.

Last Quar. on Tuesday the 11. day 14. m. past 11. in the forenoon.

Change on Wednesday the 19. day, at 10. o'clock at night.

First Quar. on Wednesday the 26. day, 13. min. past 10. at night.

This moneth begins with very violent Hot & parching weather to the 10. day, thence to the 18. cloudy with some rain, thence to the 20. seasonable winds: the end is brave Harbiter weather.

Lambmas day in Atturf three days long and in Melrois, Ennerkiething, S. Andrews, and in Dumbarton the first day. Lawrence fair in Rane the first Tuesday, the 2. Tuesday at Jedburgh, Thursday after in Falkland. Martinmas fair the 3. Tuesday S. Lawrence in Selkirk, Auchtermuchty, Forres and Carnwath the 10. In Kirkintilloch of Horse, and sheep, & other Commodities the 12. In Rane two days before Kilmabug, & at the burn of Campsie. Lady day in Dundie, Bamff, Merns and Vallyfield: Martinmas in Innerness, and Mary day the first at Monymusk the 15. at Rugland the 20. lasting four day, and In Scone on the twentieth two lasting three days S. Bartholomew Apostle

*Apostle in Linlithgow, Kinkarn of Neil, Clackmanan and Peebles the 24. S. Zepherinus in Corstorphin the 26. day a fair. Semarevis day in Forres and Keith the 27. day. S. Johns day in S. Johnston the 29. day. Lanerk a fair the last friday of this moneth. A fair in Stranraer in the Reinds of Galloway, named St. Johns day; the last friday of August.*

Let little sleep, thee now content,  
Purge not, nor Blood, lest thou repent.

xxx. September begins on Tuesday.

The sun riseth 35. min. past 5. and sets 25. min. past 6.

Full Moon on Wednesday the 2. day. at 9. a clock at night.

X First Quar. on Thursday the 10. day 20. min. past 6. at night.  
change on Fryday the 18. day. 8. m. past 10. in the morning.

First Quar. on Fryday the 25. day, 54. min. past 4. in the morning.

This moneth begins with some rain, to the 10. day, thence to the 20. smal frost, to the end, good harvest weather.

*S. Giles in Elgin the first day, Moffat the 2. Skirlin the 4. Latter Lady day in Stirling, Dundie, Bamff, Monymusk and Inverury the 8. in Auchterueil and Salane the 11. Rude fair in Jedburgh and Innerness the 14. in Forfar a fair the 15. holding 8. days. A fair at Kirkadie, of horse, neat, and sheep, &c. the 20. Matthew Apostle in Linlithgow the 21. Rude fair in Caril, Jedburgh, Dumfermling, Dumfries and Athelston 24. at Leven, Langnewton midway betwixt Jedburgh and Melrofs 27. S. Michel in Frendraught, Haddington, Lesly, Air, S. Andrews, Crief, Kirkubright, Galashiels, and at the Kirk of Forrig and at Raufrew, of horse, neat and sheep, custome free for three years, the 29. St. Marks day in Rose Hartie, the last Tuesday of September. holding three dayes with a weekly Marcet every Fryday. S. Jerom in Bamff the last day.*

Raw fruit, though ripe, may sickness bring,  
Unripe much eat, a dangerous thing.

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xxxj. October begins on Thursday.

The Sun riseth 45. min. past 6. and sets 15 min past 5.

Full Moon on Fryday the 2. day, at 11. in the forenoon.

Last Quar. on Saturday the 10. day, 17. m. past 2. afternoon.

Change on Saturday the 17. day, at 9. a clock at night.

First Quar. on Saturday the 24. day 30. m. past 1. in the afternoon.

Full Moon on Saturday the 31. day. 11. min. past 12. at noon.

From the first to the 9. a violent cold air, with wind and rain, then to the 15. cold showers of hail, to the 20. cold high winds, the rest of the month more temperat.

The 1, 2, 3. a fair in Salt Preston, the first Tuesday in Dundie a new fair. S. Francis in Abernethy and Vallyfield the 4. Ane Yearly sayre At Edzerstoun in Tiviotdeal upon the sjsib day Dionyse in Peebles, Earlston, Kirkintillech, Aiton, Auchtermuchti, Ceres in Fife, Killimure and Moffat the 9. In Kirkintilloch of Horse sheep and other Commodities the ninth. A fair of Horse neat and sheep and other merchand ware at the Clachan in nether Lorn the second wensday in October Dalkeith & Tillibol the 10. at Innerkeithing the 12. day, Fenduc at Dunninig the 13. in Forgondeny the 15. day, at Musselburgh & Borrowstonness the 16. with two weekly markets the munday and friday. S. Luke in Lawder, Kinross, Rugland the 18. day. Townyetam on the border the 20. of horse, neat, sheep, and a weekly market. S. Ikenia in Corstorphin and at the Kirk of Carlouk the 20. with a weekly market every wednesday: and at Linton in Tweddal, of horse, neat and sheep, and other merchandise, with a weekly market every wednesday for all time coming, of all sorts of goods and gear, the 20. A fair at new Church of Kilpatrick, of horse, neat, lint, cloath, &c. free of custome for 7. years, 21. Mary Salamin in Stirling and Kelso the 22. A fair at Forfar and in Linlithgow the 24. in Kilreny and Stramiglio the 25. Fowls fair in Pasley and Falkirk the 26. Simon and Jude in Dysert, Falkirk, Cokani, Kirkliston and Hawick the 28. in Alloway the 29. The last Thursday of this month a fair in Whitburn holding two days.

Prepare warm Food if thou be wise,

For Health, use daily exercise.

xxx. November begins on Sunday.

The Sun riseth 53. min. past 7. and sets 7. min. past 4.

Last

Last Quarter on Monday the 9. day 10. m. past 9. in the morning.  
Change on Monday the 16. day at 6. in the morning.

First Quarter on Sunday the 22. day at 12. at night.

✕ Full Moon on Sunday the 30. day 7. min. past 12. at night.

This moneth begins with cold and frost, to the 15. day, from thence to 18. rain and misty, then to the 22. high tempestuous wind, towards the end some snow, and frost.

Hallowday in Edinburgh 8. days, in Falkland, Dumblane, Forde the first day: in Alathy the 2. in Kilwinning the 3. at Jedburgh the first tuesday. S. Leonard in Lanerk Forres the 6. Bocklyvie in the Parish of Kippen, of horse, neat, and sheep, and other commodities, and a weekly Market every tuesday the 7. S. Martin in Dumbar, Melros, Martinskirk, Strabogy, Comper of Fife, Hamilton, Culross, Kilmahug the 11. S. Clement in Dundie the 13. S. Helens at Grinock the 15. Margaretmas fair in Dumfermling the 16. at Bryak and Peterhead the tuesday thereafter: at Barrowstouness the 18. S. Machismuch in Tane and Auchtermueil the 22. Burntiland the 23. Maiden fair the 24. Andermas fair in Stradown, and in Frazerburgh the 29. S. Andr. in S. Johnston, Peebles & Chirnside the 30. day.

If Rheumes do now molest thy head,  
It is not ill to sweat in bed.

### Lxxi. December begins on Tuesday.

The sun riseth 37. min. after 8. and sets 23. min. after 3.

✕ Last Quarter on Wednesday the 9. day 58. min. past 11. at night.

Change on Tuesday the 15. day at 6. a clock at night.

First Quarter on Tuesday the 22. day 11. m. past 2. in the afternoon.

Full Moon on Wednesday the 30. day 50. min. past 5. at night.

This moneth begins with cold frost and snow, to the 17. day and all the rest of the moneth more temperate.

At Ransfrew the 6. S. Nicolas in Aberdene the 7. Belly fair, and Lady day in Westweems the 8. S. Dunstane in Bamff, at the Kirk of Dier and Rothemay the 14. S. Cuthbert in the Grange, within the Sheriffdom of Linlithgow the 17. S. Thomas in Glasgow the 15. and Innerness the 20. S. Johns day in Bamff and Forres, and Levenmouth the 27. day.

Now cold December is come in;

The poor mans back is cloathed thin:



## Advertisment for new Fairs in the North.

First, *S. Valentines* Fair at the Kirk of *Methlick*, on the 13. and 14. of *Februar.* *St. Anas* Fair at the Town of *Tarves*, on the 13. and 14. of *March*, *St. George*, at the Kirk of *Methlick* the 23. and 24. of *April*. *St. Margrat* at *Tarves*, the 17. and 18. of *July*. *St. Martins* at *Tarves*, the 10. and 11. of *Sept*, *St. Tanglen* at *Tarves*, the 16. and 17. of *October*. *St. Denick* at *Methlick*, 13. and 14. *November* *St. Andrew* at *Tarves* the 4. 5. of *December*.

## Of Fairs within the Shyre of *Angus*.

*St. Colmes* which stands on *Muirsketh*, near the Kirk of *Corbie*, 12 of *July* *S. Ninians* upon the Muire of *Alith* upon the first *Tuesday* before *Whitsunday*, *Marie* fair, upon *Keith Muir*, the 11. of *September*. *S. Davids* upon *Keith Muir*, the 2. of *October*, each of the aforesaid Four Fairs stands four days,

Four Fairs in the Town of *Falkirk*: on Fair upon the First of *May*. The second on the 9 of *July*. The 3 on the 15 of *August*, And the last is on The 26. of *October*.

## The Dismal or perillous dayes of the Year.

**M**asters of *Astronomy* and *Physick* that these Arts first found, tell the most perillous and dangerous days in the year; in which if any man or woman be let blood or wound or vein, they shal die within 21. days following. Or whoso falleth into sickness on any of these days, they shal never escape it till they be dead. And whoso taketh any great journey in any of these days to go from home, he shal be in danger to die ere he come again. And whoso weddeth a wife in any of these dayes, they shal soon be parted, or else they shall live together with much sorrow. And whoso beginneth in any of these dayes any great work, it shall never come to good end: and these are the days following. In *January* are eight days, that is to say, the 1. and 2. 4. 5. 10. 11. 17. 19. In *February* three days, the 8. 10. and 17. In *March* are 3. days, the 15. 16. and 21. In *April* two dayes, the 15. and 21. In *May* are three days, the 7. 15. 20. In *June* are two days, the 4. and 7. In *July* are two days, the 15. and 20. In *August* are two days, the 19. and 20. In *September* are two dayes, the 6. and 7. In *October* is one the 6. In *November* are two, the 5. and 19. In *December* are three days the 6. and 7. and 11. and others say, the 15. and 16. And

And whoso will learn the Canticular of dog-dayes, which are  
dayes of great danger and peril, may know they begin the 19. day  
of July, and continue to the 28. day of August: which season is  
very perillous to take sickness: and it is also perillous to take  
drinks and medecines, or to let blood: But if it be great need,  
then it must be before the midit of the day.



*In die Jovis: that is, Thursday.*

**I**N the year that *January* shall enter on the Thursday, the Win-  
ter shall be long and most part dry, and the year shall be very  
whollome. The Primetime shall be whollome and very windy:  
the Summer shall be temperate, Harvest shall be most part rainy,  
so that the waters shall sore break out of their Bound: the Wheat and  
Wines shall be good Cheap: there shall be of Oars, Hay, Grals, and  
of Fruits, competently enough. Great War and devision shall be  
between the Church and the Kings and Princes, and in the end the  
Princes shall have victory of their enterprises. This year Women  
shall let themselves much to Lechery: also people shall be well eased  
of Taxes and Talleges.



**O**Ne came to wooe a Wench that was precise,  
And by the Spirit did the flesh despise,  
Moving a secret match between them two,  
But she in sooth and sadness would not do,  
He did reply, so sweet a fair as she  
(Made of such stuff as all fair women be)  
Ought by the Law of Nature to be kind,  
And shew her self to bear a womans mind.  
Well Sir (quoth she) you men do much prevail,  
With cunning speeches, and a pleasant tale:  
'Tis but a folly to be over nice,  
You shall, but twenty shilling is my price,  
A brace of Angels if you will bestow,  
Come such a time, and I am for you so:  
Well, he took his leave, and with her Husband met,  
Told him by bond he was to pay a debt:  
Intreating him to do so good a deed,

As I end



lend him twenty shillings at his need :  
Which ( very kind ) he present 'did extend,  
And th'other willing on his wife did spend.  
So taking leave of her he goes his wayes,  
Meeting his Creditor within iew dayes,  
And told him Sir , I was at home to pay  
The twenty shillings which you lent last day,  
And with your Wife ( because you were not there )  
I left it, pray you with my boldness bear.  
Tis well ( quoth he ) I'me glad I did you pleasure  
So coming home, questions his Wife at leasure,  
I pray Sweet heart was such a Man with thee,  
And did he leave twenty shillings for me ?  
She blusht, and said, he hath been here indeed,  
But you do ill to lend, Husband take heed,  
The falshood of the World you do not spy,  
It is not good to trust before you try.  
Pray lend no more, for it may breed much strife,  
To have such knaves come home to pay your wife.

**A** Sort of Clowns, for losse that they sustain'd,  
By Souldiers, to the Captain sore complain'd,  
With doleful words, and very woeful Faces,  
They mov'd him to compassionate their cases,  
Good Sir, ( says one ) I pray redress our wrongs,  
They that have done it unto you belong  
Of all that e're we had, we are bereft,  
Except our very shirts there's nothing left.  
The Captain answer'd thus : Fellows hear me.  
My Souldiers rob'd you not, I plainly see ;  
At your first speech you made me somewhat sad ,  
But your last words resolv'd the doubts I had :  
For they which rifled you , left shirts ( you say )  
And I am sure mine carries all away :  
But this know, that an error you are in,  
My Souldiers would have left you but your skin.

**T**wo Beggars did encounter on the way,  
That had not seen each other many a day,  
Met together at the Hedge, ( Rogues Hall )

As perfect lowlie as they both could crawl :  
Each had a Cap, and night-Cap for the cold.  
And Cloaks with patches full as they could hold.  
Great Satchel Script that shut with Leather flaps ;  
And each a Dog to eat his Masters scraps :  
Their shoes were Hob-nail proof soundly bepegged  
Waxed well with Clouts to keep them warmer legg'd,  
Says one to th'other, Come, hang care, let's drink,  
Our Trade is better then a Rumber think.  
For I, my Wife, and Jack go up and down,  
To make our every day worth half a Crown :  
Most Towns in Flanders I have learned to Name,  
And am a poor distressed Soldier lame.  
And sometime I their Charity desire :  
Like one hath lost all that he had by fire.  
Fire (quoth the other) come along mad knave,  
Let's go where we some warring place may have :  
Where's the best Beer to give a man content,  
I have a Penny, that was never spent ;  
And twenty slaves I gentlemen did name,  
Before I could be Master of the same :  
To many an Als I do the worship give,  
With Lord preserve you whilst you live,  
Now Jesus prosper you by Sea and Land,  
And blesse you, Master, all you take in hand.  
God keep your Limbs, and Lord increase your store,  
I eat no Bread to day (but drink the more)  
For Christ his sake make this same up a Penny.  
Thus do I Angle silver out of many,  
I, when I have it for my speaking sake,  
If they were hang'd that gave it : I de ne'are care.

The other Beggar laugh'd and did reply,  
Roger, of that same humour just am I,  
I cannot afford good speeches well as thou,  
And unto any Knave such words allow ;  
I will not want that till my tongue do fall,  
But prethee come, let us go find the Ale,  
I am as dry as ever was March dust,  
And here's a Groat I mean to spend it just.  
Well said old Tom, (says th'other) if thou do  
My Groat hal go, and my Tobacco too :  
Although a Beggar's credit be not great,  
We will be Gentlemen in our conceit,  
I think my self as good a man each way,  
As he that goes in's Velvet every day.  
Wee'll spend a Crown and drink Carouses round,  
Before some Churls are worth ten thousand pound :  
There's nothing but a pair of stocks we fear,  
I'll bring thee to a Cup of tickling gear.



